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2. Several tables contain figures which have been rounded (to thousands or, in some cases, millions), without making those adjustments which would be needed to make the rounded figures add to the rounded total. It is for this reason that figures do not always add to the totals shown in the tables.
3. Population estimates for 30 September 1967 were the first to be made for a date subsequent to the repeal of section 127 of the Australian Constitution, which required that 'in reckoning the numbers of the people of the Commonwealth, or of a State or other part of the Commonwealth, aboriginal natives shall not be counted'. Accordingly, current estimates no longer exclude full-blood Aborigines. Estimates shown in this publication for dates and periods earlier than 30 September 1967 also relate to total population, i.e. including Aborigines.

Vital statistics also are now compiled on a basis which includes vital events among the whole population, including Aborigines. These statistics were first prepared in respect of the March quarter 1967, statistics for earlier periods remaining on the old basis.

4. The employment estimates shown on page 8 in this publication are not directly comparable with statistics derived from the 1966 Population Census, for which new work force definitions were adopted. A new series of estimates for June 1966 and subsequent months will be published as soon as possible. This new series will be based on 1966 Census benchmarks and will therefore be at a higher level than the present series. In due course the estimates for periods prior to the Census of June 1966 will be revised, but on a basis comparable with that of the 1961 Census benchmarks, the information needed to revise these benchmarks on the 1966 Census basis not being available.
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INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY: WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Period	New motor vehicles registered (a)		Trading banks (c)		Savings banks: depositors' balances (d)		Wage and salary earners in civilian employment (e)		Numbers registered for employment with Commonwealth Employment Service
	Motor cars and station wagons	Other motor vehicles (b)	De- posits	Ad- vances	Total	Per head	Manu- fac- turing	Total	
			\$m	\$m	\$m	\$	'000	'000	
Monthly Average									
1963-64	2,080	584	242.4	165.0	239.8	296.6	53.2	220.0	5,694
1964-65	1,942	575	272.9	186.1	261.7	317.0	55.5	228.7	4,302
1965-66	1,952	764	311.0	195.1	292.9	345.3	57.2	243.0	2,944
1966-67	2,327	783	355.9	212.0	330.8	377.5	58.9	252.1	3,382
1967-68	2,781	863	398.8	252.6	373.6	410.8	62.2	267.2	3,568
Monthly Total									
1966-67 -									
July	2,145	725	322.0	201.1	296.5	347.4	58.1	248.6	3,511
August	2,489	735	324.3	202.3	300.8	352.4	58.1	248.8	2,831
September	2,291	710	331.3	200.6	305.0	357.3	58.0	249.1	2,434
October	2,375	797	339.3	208.6	309.3	358.5	58.1	249.3	2,379
November	2,365	900	346.9	212.8	310.5	359.9	58.4	251.6	3,042
December	2,659	908	354.0	215.8	309.9	359.2	59.1	251.3	3,613
January	2,094	619	386.0	206.6	312.6	359.2	59.5	250.9	4,726
February	2,134	703	395.2	199.5	315.5	362.5	59.3	253.8	3,964
March	2,376	866	384.3	208.0	318.2	365.6	59.5	254.6	3,465
April	2,126	718	373.3	221.9	319.1	364.1	59.5	254.8	3,465
May	2,330	840	362.0	229.5	322.6	368.1	59.8	256.1	3,398
June	2,538	880	353.2	237.3	330.8	377.5	59.5	256.3	3,757
1967-68 -									
July	2,556	771	352.9	242.2	333.9	377.8	59.7	257.3	3,446
August	2,594	857	359.5	245.0	341.0	385.9	60.1	258.0	3,142
September	2,372	844	366.0	251.0	347.5	393.3	60.6	259.7	2,411
October	2,690	963	376.5	259.4	350.5	392.6	61.0	262.0	2,240
November	3,004	1,083	385.3	258.0	352.9	395.2	61.6	265.0	3,029
December	2,993	823	399.6	256.8	353.6	396.0	62.1	265.1	3,844
January	2,262	883	440.7	236.4	355.7	394.7	62.4	266.5	5,360
February	2,892	730	434.3	238.3	359.3	398.7	63.2	272.0	4,466
March	2,839	677	430.6	246.0	361.7	401.4	63.6	273.8	3,626
April	2,796	817	418.6	261.3	362.2	398.3	63.6	274.2	3,430
May	3,304	1,000	410.4	268.7	366.8	403.4	63.9	275.5	3,666
June	3,066	903	411.7	270.0	373.6	410.8	64.0	276.8	4,151
1968-69 -									
July	2,862	988	409.7	277.4	378.2	411.7	64.4	277.2	4,282
August	2,709	963	410.5	283.8	386.1	420.3	64.4	278.3	3,599
September	2,635	821	419.3	288.4	392.1	426.8	64.6	280.1	3,150
October	3,210	996	431.9	294.0	398.6	433.9	64.4	280.5	2,901
November	2,837	1,031	442.3	295.7	400.0	p 435.4	(k)	p 282.8	3,177
December	3,068	875	455.2	293.5	397.2	p 432.4	(k)	(k)	4,437

(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles (other than those of the defence services) listed with the Commonwealth Registry, Canberra. (b) Excludes motor cycles and motor scooters. (c) Average balances at close of business on Wednesdays during the period. (d) At end of period. (e) Excludes employees in rural industry and private domestic service, and defence forces. (f) Total amounts owing irrespective of type of agreement. (g) Includes additions and alterations. (h) Excludes value of ships' stores and includes value of gold bullion.

Number of persons on unemployment benefit	Corporate finance companies: balances outstanding (d) (f)	Building permits and approvals (g)		New buildings commenced		External trade (over-seas and interstate)		Retail sales (i) (excluding motor vehicles, parts, etc.)	Instalment credit for retail sales: balances outstanding (d) (j)
		Private	Govt	Houses and flats	Other buildings	Imports	Exports (h)		
	\$m	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<u>Monthly Average</u>				<u>Quarterly Average</u>					
2,649	n.a.	6,940	3,428	15,467	14,173	111.2	97.0	100.4	108.9
1,623	109.5	8,941	2,881	16,665	13,849	124.4	90.8	109.2	109.9
748	124.2	7,837	3,214	18,467	14,279	144.7	108.5	120.1	115.5
711	153.0	10,823	3,610	23,576	18,788	158.6	134.4	130.7	126.8
592	208.0	15,746	5,321	33,736	26,840	183.5	149.9	143.7	152.1
<u>Monthly Total</u>				<u>Quarterly Total</u>					
825	126.6	8,213	2,499	21,584	19,573	142.3	114.7	122.7	118.8
771	128.4	9,724	3,244						
638	131.7	8,356	4,274						
581	134.7	12,876	5,494						
512	138.9	9,510	5,397	23,110	18,209	136.3	125.6	144.3	127.0
941	142.5	7,214	2,287						
818	142.7	8,562	2,298						
676	140.5	14,287	2,950						
736	142.4	10,651	1,878	23,747	16,961	142.3	149.1	124.9	120.9
625	145.2	9,644	4,234						
619	148.7	16,002	4,825						
785	153.0	14,840	3,934						
855	156.9	16,543	4,136	29,125	30,158	128.0	129.5	134.5	133.3
736	161.8	15,379	4,255						
494	165.4	16,277	5,243						
396	169.8	12,766	4,755						
360	177.4	13,588	3,160	29,439	19,035	165.0	134.7	156.8	144.4
673	182.7	11,122	6,173						
629	184.5	14,220	9,720						
606	185.6	12,281	6,422						
574	190.2	16,028	6,687	32,483	30,728	164.4	150.7	137.6	143.7
541	196.0	17,116	2,981						
491	203.0	18,173	4,617						
746	208.0	25,457	5,700						
855	156.9	16,543	4,136	43,898	27,439	276.6	184.8	145.8	152.1
736	161.8	15,379	4,255						
494	165.4	16,277	5,243						
396	169.8	12,766	4,755						
360	177.4	13,588	3,160	32,483	30,728	164.4	150.7	137.6	143.7
673	182.7	11,122	6,173						
629	184.5	14,220	9,720						
606	185.6	12,281	6,422						
574	190.2	16,028	6,687	40,551	26,868	162.8	137.8	148.1	156.5
541	196.0	17,116	2,981						
491	203.0	18,173	4,617						
746	208.0	25,457	5,700						
728	215.2	19,412	5,964	40,551	26,868	162.8	137.8	148.1	156.5
536	220.5	17,029	2,024						
388	223.3	21,232	4,135						
384	230.9	19,279	5,743						
370	(k)	19,227	4,519	(k)	(k)	(k)	(k)	(k)	(k)
729	(k)	18,721	3,490						

n.a. denotes 'not available'.

(i) The figures shown relate to the value only of retail sales. To assess the movement in the volume of retail sales made, it would be necessary to allow for variations in prices. (j) Includes hiring charges, interest and insurance. Figures relate to retail businesses and non-retail finance businesses. (k) Not available at time of publication. (p) Preliminary.

POPULATION (a): WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Period	Whole State						Perth Statistical Division (c)
	At end of period			Increase during period	Mean for year ended:		
	Males	Females	Persons		30 June (b)	31 Dec. (b)	
1963-64	412,103	396,340	808,443	20,099	798,824	808,300	525,800
1964-65	421,017	404,508	825,525	17,082	817,157	826,481	540,700
1965-66	(a)432,569	(a)415,531	(a)848,100	22,575	837,290	848,837	(a)559,298
1966-67	446,709	429,653	876,362	28,262	862,130	876,997	579,500
1967-68	463,304	446,105	909,409	33,047	892,537	n.a.	606,000
Quarters -							
1966 - Sept.	435,281	418,338	853,619	5,519	Not applicable		n.a.
Dec.	439,680	423,005	862,685	9,066			569,500
1967 - Mar.	443,578	426,736	870,314	7,629			n.a.
June	446,709	429,653	876,362	6,048			579,500
Sept.	450,297	433,338	883,635	7,273			n.a.
Dec.	454,743	438,020	892,763	9,128			591,000
1968 - Mar.	459,146	442,003	901,149	8,386			n.a.
June	463,304	446,105	909,409	8,260			606,000
Sept.	467,856	450,781	918,637	9,228			n.a.

n.a. denotes 'not available'.

(a) Includes Aborigines. Statistics for dates and periods subsequent to the Census of 30 June 1966 are subject to revision after the 1971 Census. (b) Of last-mentioned year. (c) At end of period. (d) Census figure.

VITAL STATISTICS (a): WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Period	Births registered	Deaths registered (b)	Natural increase (c)	Marriages registered	Infant deaths (d)	Annual rate				
						Births (e)	Deaths (e)	Natural increase (e)	Marriages (e)	Infant mortality (f)
1963-64	16,948	6,161	10,787	5,861	348	21.51	7.82	13.69	7.44	20.5
1964-65	16,299	6,474	9,825	6,235	333	20.22	8.03	12.19	7.74	20.4
1965-66	16,131	6,253	9,878	6,728	356	19.53	7.57	11.96	8.15	22.1
1966-67(a)	18,123	7,065	11,058	7,185	306	21.02	8.19	12.83	8.45	16.9
1967-68	18,550	7,025	11,525	7,874	340	20.78	7.87	12.91	8.82	18.3
Quarters -										
1966 - Sept.	4,206	2,049	2,157	1,371	77	20.04	9.76	10.28	6.53	18.3
Dec.	4,928	1,810	3,118	2,006	74	23.28	8.55	14.73	9.48	15.0
1967 - March	4,545	1,587	2,958	1,981	67	20.98	7.33	13.65	9.14	14.7
June	4,444	1,619	2,825	1,827	88	20.35	7.42	12.94	8.37	19.8
Sept.	4,587	1,924	2,663	1,573	97	20.85	8.75	12.10	7.15	21.1
Dec.	4,447	1,649	2,798	2,049	62	20.03	7.43	12.60	9.23	13.9
1968 - March	4,617	1,649	2,968	2,198	86	20.59	7.35	13.24	9.80	18.6
June	4,899	1,803	3,096	2,054	95	21.65	7.97	13.68	9.08	19.4
Sept.	5,004	2,200	2,804	1,750	108	21.90	9.63	12.27	7.66	21.6

(a) Prior to March quarter 1967 excludes full-blood Aborigines. From March quarter 1967 Aborigines are included. (b) Includes infant deaths. (c) Excess of births over deaths. (d) Deaths of children aged under one year. (e) Per 1,000 of mean population. The figures shown for quarters are equivalent annual rates. Rates from September quarter 1966 are subject to revision after the 1971 Census. (f) Infant deaths per 1,000 live births.

Note - The line drawn above the figures for the March quarter 1967 indicates the break in continuity in the series; see note (a).

OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES: WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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Period	Permanent and long-term movement (a)		Short-term movement (b)				Total		
			Australian residents		Visitors				
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons

ARRIVALS

1963-64	6,541	6,219	4,065	3,679	3,161	2,002	13,767	11,900	25,667
1964-65	6,733	6,369	4,789	4,414	3,612	2,448	15,134	13,231	28,365
1965-66	9,037	8,409	5,583	5,079	4,216	2,664	18,836	16,152	34,988
1966-67	12,074	10,885	6,992	6,125	5,414	3,520	24,480	20,530	45,010
1967-68	13,091	11,578	7,832	7,042	6,991	4,775	27,914	23,395	51,309
Quarters -									
1967 - Sept.	2,331	2,064	2,174	1,851	1,481	1,114	5,986	5,029	11,015
Dec.	3,266	3,073	2,118	1,854	1,795	1,375	7,179	6,302	13,481
1968 - March	3,826	3,252	1,857	1,713	2,150	1,256	7,833	6,221	14,054
June	3,668	3,189	1,683	1,624	1,565	1,030	6,916	5,843	12,759
Sept.	3,179	2,896	2,236	2,065	1,829	1,180	7,244	6,141	13,385

DEPARTURES

1963-64	2,121	2,030	4,175	3,522	3,449	2,004	9,745	7,556	17,301
1964-65	2,432	2,410	4,932	4,562	3,814	2,513	11,178	9,485	20,663
1965-66	2,949	2,970	5,660	5,029	4,752	2,860	13,361	10,859	24,220
1966-67	3,663	3,442	6,376	6,066	6,462	3,864	16,501	13,372	29,873
1967-68	4,214	4,036	7,852	7,088	8,215	5,115	20,281	16,239	36,520
Quarters -									
1967 - Sept.	908	863	1,619	1,296	1,640	1,082	4,167	3,241	7,408
Dec.	1,131	1,044	1,548	1,462	2,125	1,203	4,804	3,709	8,513
1968 - March	1,087	1,089	2,004	1,796	2,217	1,454	5,308	4,339	9,647
June	1,088	1,040	2,681	2,534	2,233	1,376	6,002	4,950	10,952
Sept.	1,142	1,016	2,095	1,780	1,933	1,019	5,170	3,815	8,985

EXCESS OF ARRIVALS OVER DEPARTURES (c)

1963-64	4,420	4,189	-110	157	-288	- 2	4,022	4,344	8,366
1964-65	4,301	3,959	-143	-148	-202	- 65	3,956	3,746	7,702
1965-66	6,088	5,439	- 77	50	-536	-196	5,475	5,293	10,768
1966-67	8,411	7,443	616	59	-1,046	-344	7,979	7,158	15,137
1967-68	8,877	7,542	- 20	- 46	-1,224	-340	7,633	7,156	14,789
Quarters -									
1967 - Sept.	1,423	1,201	555	555	-159	32	1,819	1,788	3,607
Dec.	2,135	2,029	570	392	-330	172	2,375	2,593	4,968
1968 - March	2,739	2,163	-147	- 83	- 67	-198	2,525	1,882	4,407
June	2,580	2,149	-998	-910	-668	-346	914	893	1,807
Sept.	2,037	1,880	141	285	-104	161	2,074	2,326	4,400

(a) 'Permanent movement' relates to persons arriving who state their intention to settle permanently in Australia and residents departing who state their intention to reside permanently abroad. 'Long-term movement' relates to the arrival of visitors or temporary departure of residents who state their intention to stay (in Australia or in a country abroad, respectively) for 12 months or more, and the departure of visitors or return of residents who have stayed (in Australia or in a country abroad, respectively) for 12 months or more.

(b) 'Short-term movement' relates to all other movement, including the movement of Australian troops irrespective of period of stay. (c) Minus sign (-) denotes excess of departures over arrivals.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT(a): WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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(Excludes employees in rural industry and private domestic service, and defence forces)
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Period	Total employees			Employees in main industry groups				
	Government (b)	Private	Total	Manufacturing	Building and construction	Transport and storage	Finance and property; commerce	Community, business, personal services(c)
MALES								
1966 - June	58.4	122.3	180.7	49.1	26.5	18.4	36.6	21.5
1967 - June	59.7	124.2	183.9	50.1	24.4	18.8	37.6	22.5
1968 - June	62.4	135.7	198.1	53.8	28.9	20.0	39.0	24.3
1967 - Dec.	60.2	131.4	191.6	52.1	26.5	19.3	39.2	23.1
1968 - Jan.	60.7	132.4	193.2	52.5	27.3	19.4	38.8	23.6
Feb.	61.5	133.9	195.4	53.1	28.0	19.5	39.0	24.1
March	61.6	134.6	196.2	53.3	28.5	19.6	39.0	24.0
April	61.4	134.9	196.3	53.3	28.6	19.6	39.0	24.1
May	61.6	135.7	197.3	53.7	28.8	19.6	38.9	24.1
June	62.4	135.7	198.1	53.8	28.9	20.0	39.0	24.3
July	62.8	135.4	198.2	54.0	28.4	20.0	39.0	24.4
Aug.	62.6	136.4	199.0	54.0	28.7	20.0	39.2	24.6
Sept.	62.9	137.0	199.9	54.0	28.9	20.0	39.5	25.0
Oct.	62.8	137.1	199.9	53.8	28.9	20.0	39.6	25.0
FEMALES								
1966 - June	14.6	53.4	68.0	9.0	0.5	1.3	22.9	29.4
1967 - June	15.7	56.8	72.4	9.4	0.6	1.3	24.5	31.2
1968 - June	17.0	61.7	78.7	10.2	0.7	1.5	26.4	34.1
1967 - Dec.	14.6	58.9	73.5	10.0	0.6	1.4	25.5	30.4
1968 - Jan.	14.8	58.6	73.3	9.9	0.6	1.4	25.3	30.5
Feb.	16.7	59.9	76.6	10.1	0.6	1.5	25.7	33.0
March	16.8	60.8	77.6	10.3	0.7	1.4	26.0	33.5
April	16.8	61.1	77.9	10.2	0.7	1.5	26.3	33.5
May	16.9	61.3	78.2	10.2	0.7	1.5	26.4	33.7
June	17.0	61.7	78.7	10.2	0.7	1.5	26.4	34.1
July	17.1	61.9	79.0	10.4	0.7	1.5	26.3	34.2
Aug.	17.0	62.3	79.3	10.4	0.7	1.5	26.3	34.4
Sept.	17.1	63.1	80.2	10.6	0.7	1.5	26.5	35.0
Oct.	17.1	63.5	80.6	10.6	0.7	1.5	26.8	35.0
PERSONS								
1966 - June	73.0	175.7	248.7	58.1	27.0	19.7	59.5	50.9
1967 - June	75.4	180.9	256.3	59.5	25.0	20.2	62.1	53.7
1968 - June	79.3	197.5	276.8	64.0	29.6	21.4	65.4	58.4
1967 - Dec.	74.9	190.2	265.1	62.1	27.1	20.7	64.8	53.5
1968 - Jan.	75.4	191.0	266.5	62.4	27.9	20.8	64.1	54.1
Feb.	78.2	193.8	272.0	63.2	28.6	21.0	64.7	57.1
March	78.4	195.4	273.8	63.6	29.2	21.0	65.0	57.6
April	78.2	196.0	274.2	63.6	29.2	21.0	65.2	57.6
May	78.4	197.1	275.5	63.9	29.5	21.1	65.3	57.8
June	79.3	197.5	276.8	64.0	29.6	21.4	65.4	58.4
July	79.8	197.4	277.2	64.4	29.1	21.5	65.3	58.5
Aug.	79.6	198.7	278.3	64.4	29.4	21.5	65.5	59.1
Sept.	80.0	200.1	280.1	64.6	29.6	21.5	66.0	59.9
Oct.	79.9	200.6	280.5	64.4	29.6	21.5	66.4	60.0

(a) See note 4 on page 1. (b) Includes employees of government bodies (Commonwealth, State, Local and semi-government) on services such as transport, banks, post office, education, broadcasting, television, police, public works, factories and hospitals, as well as administrative employees. (c) Includes law, social welfare, education, health, hospitals, religion, recreation, hotels, personal service, etc.

UNEMPLOYMENT, SICKNESS AND SPECIAL BENEFITS: WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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Period	Persons receiving benefit (a)			Amount paid in benefit during period		
	Unemployment	Sickness	Special	Unemployment	Sickness	Special
				\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
1963-64	2,649	866	121	1,403	522	54
1964-65	1,623	830	105	842	512	46
1965-66	748	760	105	368	457	47
1966-67	711	730	79	374	445	36
1967-68	592	677	74	304	420	33
1967 - Dec.	673	668	74	18	33	3
1968 - Jan.	629	596	70	32	32	3
Feb.	606	640	68	29	35	3
March	574	686	70	22	31	2
April	541	613	71	21	34	3
May	491	633	69	23	34	3
June	746	639	110	24	35	3
July	728	594	193	32	33	6
Aug.	536	563	231	36	35	8
Sept.	388	575	249	25	35	8
Oct.	384	526	226	21	34	8
Nov.	370	564	229	19	33	8
Dec.	729	497	204	19	32	7

Source: Department of Social Services.

(a) Annual figures relate to the average number of persons receiving benefit at the end of each month; monthly figures relate to the number receiving benefit on the last Saturday of month.

REGISTERED UNEMPLOYED AND JOB VACANCIES: WESTERN AUSTRALIA

At end of -	Persons registered (a)			Vacancies registered		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
1964 - June	2,955	2,186	5,141	879	264	1,143
1965 - June	1,774	1,802	3,576	1,973	449	2,422
1966 - June	2,075	1,295	3,370	2,437	528	2,965
1967 - June	2,160	1,597	3,757	1,852	559	2,411
1968 - June	2,483	1,668	4,151	2,010	620	2,630
1967 - Dec.	2,175	1,669	3,844	2,593	877	3,470
1968 - Jan.	3,063	2,297	5,360	2,890	1,000	3,890
Feb.	2,203	2,263	4,466	2,955	848	3,803
March	1,634	1,992	3,626	3,006	763	3,769
April	1,654	1,776	3,430	2,975	745	3,720
May	2,061	1,605	3,666	2,674	633	3,307
June	2,483	1,668	4,151	2,010	620	2,630
July	2,585	1,697	4,282	1,902	628	2,530
Aug.	2,136	1,463	3,599	2,202	865	3,067
Sept.	1,900	1,250	3,150	2,627	970	3,597
Oct.	1,670	1,231	2,901	2,941	1,072	4,013
Nov.	1,817	1,360	3,177	3,265	1,049	4,314
Dec.	2,260	2,177	4,437	2,673	1,047	3,720

Source: Department of Labour and National Service.

(a) Persons who claimed when registering with the Commonwealth Employment Service that they were not employed and who were recorded as unplaced. Includes those referred to employers and those who may have obtained employment without notifying the Commonwealth Employment Service. Includes also persons receiving unemployment benefit.

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK (a): WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Period	Number of disputes	Workers involved			Working days lost	Estimated loss in wages
		Directly	Indirectly (b)	Total		
						\$'000
1963-64	29	38,830	260	39,090	30,305	237.2
1964-65	32	11,420	6	11,426	9,022	87.1
1965-66	32	6,586	16	6,602	9,790	100.7
1966-67	23	3,655	14	3,669	3,616	34.7
1967-68	39	8,407	25	8,432	10,106	101.5
Quarters -						
1966 - June	11	1,605	16	1,621	5,142	54.0
Sept.	3	76	-	76	160	1.7
Dec.	6	921	-	921	602	5.4
1967 - March	8	1,837	14	1,851	2,431	22.4
June	6	821	-	821	423	5.2
Sept.	6	1,407	25	1,432	2,550	28.4
Dec.	6	967	-	967	590	6.6
1968 - March	12	2,686	-	2,686	3,807	33.5
June	15	3,347	-	3,347	3,159	33.0

(a) Refers only to disputes involving cessation of work of ten man-days or more. (b) Persons thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppage occurred, but not themselves parties to the dispute.

STATE BASIC WAGE - ADULT WEEKLY RATES: WESTERN AUSTRALIA
(\$)

Date of operation	Males	Females	Date of operation	Males	Females
1964 - 22 September	30.80	23.10	1966 - 25 January	32.38	24.28
26 October	31.12	23.34	2 May	32.65	24.49
1965 - 26 April	31.47	23.60	2 August	33.26	24.95
26 July	31.78	23.84	24 October(a)	33.50	25.13
16 November	31.96	23.97	1968 - 19 November(b)	35.45	27.08

(a) The rates shown are those which applied until a decision of The Western Australian Industrial Commission dated 27 June 1967. The terms of this decision were that the minimum weekly wage payable to adult male workers under certain awards be increased from \$36.55 to \$37.55; 'that the wage rates for adult workers not in receipt of the "minimum wage" be increased by 60 cents per week; and that other wage rates be adjusted as if the basic wage for males and the basic wage for females had been increased by that amount'. These increases were declared to operate from the beginning of the first pay-period commencing on or after 1 July 1967. A further increase of \$1.35 a week for adult males and adult females was granted by the Industrial Commission in October 1968 to operate from the beginning of the first pay-period commencing on or after 25 October 1968. (b) Rates prescribed under the provisions of the Industrial Arbitration Act Amendment Act, 1968.

Period	Average weekly earnings per employed male unit (a)	Weekly wage rates (b) and index numbers of wage rates			
		For adult males		For adult females	
		Rates of wage (b)	Index numbers (c)	Rates of wage (b)	Index numbers (c)
	\$	\$		\$	
1963-64	47.20	38.08	134.8	27.22	136.8
1964-65	49.50	39.29	139.1	27.99	140.6
1965-66	54.10	42.06	148.9	29.45	147.9
1966-67	58.30	44.03	155.9	31.20	156.7
1967-68	62.50	45.39	160.7	32.54	163.4
Quarters -					
1966 - Sept.	57.90	43.11	152.6	30.51	153.2
Dec.	59.50	43.38	153.6	30.72	154.3
1967 - March	56.80	43.83	155.2	31.13	156.3
June	59.00	44.03	155.9	31.20	156.7
Sept.	60.90	44.97	159.2	31.99	160.7
Dec.	63.80	45.08	159.6	32.01	160.8
1968 - March	60.80	45.26	160.2	32.31	162.3
June	64.30	45.39	160.7	32.54	163.5
Sept.	64.70	45.81	162.2	32.64	164.0

(a) Based on employment and salaries and wages recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns and from other direct collections and estimates. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings in Australia. Includes overtime earnings and over-award and bonus payments.

(b) Weighted average minimum weekly rates payable for a full week's work (excluding overtime), as prescribed in Commonwealth and State awards, determinations and agreements. Annual figures, end of June; quarterly figures, end of quarter. Excludes rural. (c) Base of series: weighted average weekly wage rate, Australia, 1954 = 100.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: PERTH

(Base of each index series: Year 1952-53 = 100)

Period	Food	Clothing and drapery	Housing	Household supplies and equipment	Miscellaneous	All groups
1963-64	125.4	112.8	155.9	105.2	128.5	123.8
1964-65	130.5	114.1	160.0	106.4	134.2	127.6
1965-66	136.6	115.4	165.6	108.1	142.1	132.5
1966-67	143.5	117.9	173.7	110.0	149.1	137.9
1967-68	147.6	120.4	183.8	110.7	153.9	141.9
Quarters -						
1966 - Dec.	140.9	117.8	172.6	110.1	149.1	136.9
1967 - March	143.3	118.1	174.5	110.3	150.2	138.3
June	146.7	119.2	177.5	110.7	151.0	140.1
Sept.	147.5	119.6	179.6	110.4	151.4	140.7
Dec.	145.8	120.3	183.3	110.4	154.4	141.3
1968 - March	147.6	120.6	184.9	110.7	154.7	142.2
June	149.5	121.3	187.3	111.4	155.0	143.4
Sept.	148.8	122.0	190.6	111.6	155.8	143.8
Dec.	148.2	123.1	195.1	112.1	157.1	144.7

AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FOOD AND GROCERY ITEMS: PERTH

(Cents)

Commodity	Unit	1965	1966	1967	1967			1968		
					July	Aug.	Sept.	July	Aug.	Sept.
GROCERIES										
Bread, ordinary white	2 lb	16.0	17.1	18.1	18.0	18.0	18.0	19.0	19.0	19.0
Flour -										
plain, propacked	"	12.7	13.4	14.1	14.3	14.6	14.0	15.0	15.3	15.3
self-raising	"	17.1	17.6	18.3	18.5	17.7	18.2	18.8	18.8	18.8
Tea	$\frac{1}{2}$ lb	30.5	30.6	30.7	30.8	30.8	30.5	30.6	30.4	30.6
Sugar (a)	lb	8.8	8.7	9.4	10.4	10.4	10.3	10.2	10.2	10.0
Rice	1 lb pkt	13.2	13.2	13.8	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.7	14.8	14.8
Jam, plum	$1\frac{1}{2}$ lb tin	26.6	27.0	28.0	27.6	28.9	28.8	29.6	29.6	29.4
Oats, rolled (a)	$1\frac{1}{2}$ lb pkt	21.8	23.2	23.4	23.7	22.9	23.0	23.3	22.7	23.4
Peaches, canned	29 oz	29.3	30.5	31.1	31.2	31.2	30.9	32.6	32.6	32.6
Pears, canned	"	29.4	30.5	31.5	31.6	31.6	31.3	32.6	32.6	32.6
Potatoes	7 lb	42.3	42.0	42.1	42.5	42.4	41.5	42.3	42.6	43.2
Onions, brown	lb	8.3	11.2	8.7	9.5	9.6	9.6	12.1	13.1	14.5
Soap, laundry (a)	20 oz pkt	28.3	31.0	31.4	31.8	31.9	30.7	32.3	30.7	32.5
DAIRY PRODUCE										
Butter	lb	50.0	50.1	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	49.9	49.8	49.8
Cheese, processed	$\frac{1}{2}$ lb pkt	22.3	23.4	24.7	23.6	25.1	24.3	24.9	24.8	25.2
Eggs, 24 oz	dozen	59.5	63.6	65.5	64.8	65.0	65.0	64.9	65.1	64.6
Bacon, rashers, propacked (a)	$\frac{1}{2}$ lb	37.8	39.9	41.4	41.9	41.0	41.9	44.0	43.0	44.0
Milk -										
condensed	14 oz tin	19.6	19.9	20.6	21.0	20.8	21.3	21.8	21.1	20.8
fresh, bottled	quart	18.5	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
					Quarter ended Sept. 1967			Quarter ended Sept. 1968		
MEAT										
Beef (fresh):										
Sirloin	lb	48.5	56.0	59.8		60.1			62.6	
Rib (without bone)	"	44.4	50.7	53.4		54.0			54.6	
Steak - rump	"	71.1	85.1	92.1		93.0			99.4	
chuck	"	43.1	50.7	54.3		55.3			57.7	
Sausages	"	22.3	24.4	24.8		25.0			24.4	
Beef (corned):										
Silverside	"	45.5	51.9	55.4		56.0			57.2	
Brisket, rolled	"	33.1	38.4	42.3		42.4			45.8	
Mutton (fresh):										
Leg	"	29.6	31.8	33.2		33.5			32.3	
Forequarter	"	18.7	20.9	21.4		22.1			19.8	
Chops - loin	"	28.1	29.5	30.7		31.7			28.5	
leg	"	28.3	30.1	31.6		32.4			31.6	
Lamb (fresh):										
Leg	"	45.1	48.1	50.2		51.0			46.2	
Forequarter	"	30.0	32.5	33.6		34.3			28.8	
Chops - loin	"	47.3	49.3	51.2		52.5			45.5	
leg	"	47.3	49.4	51.4		52.7			46.1	
Pork (fresh):										
Leg	"	56.1	58.8	60.2		60.8			64.7	
Loin	"	56.2	59.4	61.0		61.7			64.7	
Chops	"	56.5	59.5	61.2		61.9			65.1	

(a) Series not strictly comparable throughout due to changes in unit or method of packing, necessitating some calculation of imputed prices.

AVERAGE PRICES OF FRUIT, VEGETABLES, LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY AT PRINCIPAL MARKETS(a): PERTH
(\$)

Particulars	Unit	1966	1967	1967			1968		
				Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
FRUIT AND VEGETABLES (Metropolitan Markets)									
Fruit -									
Apples -									
Granny Smith	bush	2.54	2.16	2.83	2.54	2.53	3.20	3.50	6.46
Other	"	3.42	3.01	3.38	3.67	3.59	4.28	4.12	4.33
Bananas, local	lb	0.11	0.11	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.10	0.09
Grapes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush	2.16	2.08	-	-	3.06	-	-	-
Lemons	"	1.52	1.62	-	1.88	1.80	1.29	1.87	1.70
Oranges -									
Navel	bush	2.98	3.23	4.28	-	-	3.27	2.65	-
Valencia	"	2.89	2.50	2.51	2.65	2.33	2.50	1.77	1.67
Peaches	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush	2.24	2.40	-	-	2.23	-	4.53	4.48
Pears	"	1.88	2.82	-	-	-	4.16	4.11	-
Plums	"	2.44	2.15	-	-	2.62	-	-	4.08
Vegetables -									
Beans, runner	lb	0.13	0.12	0.14	0.09	0.09	0.14	0.22	0.09
Cabbages	crate	1.11	1.99	0.59	0.51	0.72	0.84	0.70	1.35
Carrots	cwt	4.32	3.74	2.80	2.96	3.04	3.35	3.79	4.27
Cauliflowers	dozen	1.60	2.56	2.40	2.11	3.03	2.68	2.98	4.58
Green peas	lb	0.13	0.13	0.11	0.10	0.16	0.11	0.12	0.12
Lettuce	crate	1.56	1.60	0.86	1.02	1.27	2.39	1.47	0.86
Onions, brown(b)	ton	90.00	106.00	96.40	93.20	138.60	209.20	89.60	46.40
Potatoes (d)	"	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00
Tomatoes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush	4.13	3.15	3.39	3.19	2.61	5.84	3.43	6.75

LIVESTOCK (e) (Midland Junction Saleyards)

Shoop -									
Lambs - In wool	head	11.31	11.21	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shorn	"	8.12	9.13	5.46	5.60	6.76	-	5.13	5.23
Ewes - In wool	"	7.46	6.26	5.87	-	-	4.61	4.00	-
Shorn	"	5.53	4.77	4.67	4.35	4.00	2.89	2.70	3.25
Wethers - In wool	"	8.54	8.28	6.80	-	-	5.58	-	-
Shorn	"	6.86	6.10	5.81	5.48	5.16	3.50	3.17	3.83
Cattle -									
Calves and vealers	"	54.98	55.91	-	-	50.79	60.59	58.55	58.00
Baby beef	"	93.74	96.01	97.40	90.02	81.20	88.68	-	-
Holifers	"	114.67	109.96	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cows	"	125.33	123.37	115.85	114.05	116.40	130.66	124.47	-
Steers	"	133.83	144.45	142.70	143.25	141.63	150.01	147.06	141.33
Pigs -									
Slips	"	14.98	15.62	-	16.61	15.47	15.54	14.06	-
Porkers	"	24.67	26.58	26.94	27.33	26.80	24.78	24.59	23.56
Baconers	"	35.99	40.79	42.25	42.03	41.00	35.74	35.36	34.81

POULTRY (f) (Metropolitan Markets)

Cockerels	lb	0.23	0.20	0.19	0.18	0.23	0.22	0.23	0.22
Ducks	"	0.23	0.27	0.40	0.42	0.41	0.32	0.34	0.34
Hens	"	0.18	0.13	0.14	0.12	0.12	0.10	0.10	0.10
Turkey hens	"	0.27	0.24	0.32	-	0.31	0.31	0.35	0.36

(a) A price is not shown for months when the volume of sales of a particular item was not significant. (b) For periods prior to July 1967, Western Australian Onion Board's price to merchants, delivered metropolitan area. The Board ceased operations on 18 August 1967. See also footnote (c). (c) Average of market prices for the six months ended December 1967. See footnote (b). (d) Western Australian Potato Marketing Board's price to merchants, f.o.r. Perth. (e) Good quality. (f) The prices shown are 'per lb live weight'.

PRODUCTION OF SELECTED COMMODITIES: WESTERN AUSTRALIA

(Includes quantities produced and used in own works)

Period	Bath heaters (solid fuel)	Clay bricks	Fibrous plaster sheets	Tiles, roofing (terra-cotta and concrete)	Plaster of Paris	Paints and enamels (ready-mixed) (a)	Timber		Barbed wire
							Logs sawn (b)	Sawn timber produced (c)	
	number	'000	'000 sq yd	'000	tons	gallons	'000 sup. ft (d)	'000 sup. ft	tons
1963-64	4,717	(e)	1,642	15,613	20,929	521,590	598,808	195,724	1,615
1964-65	4,621	146,057	1,597	15,647	22,263	546,549	622,175	207,304	1,559
1965-66	4,498	140,611	1,716	16,162	20,994	585,137	620,232	211,638	1,615
1966-67	4,312	163,166	1,743	17,443	21,573	633,715	601,999	204,505	1,983
1967-68	4,526	210,021	1,947	20,051	25,403	705,753	619,026	209,446	1,713
1967 - Nov.	357	20,887	182	1,618	2,796	73,460	58,529	19,395	140
Dec.	272	15,569	136	1,455	1,799	59,846	37,232	12,921	72
1968 - Jan.	147	13,739	139	1,535	1,544	39,365	36,326	12,470	83
Feb.	296	17,801	195	1,681	2,193	69,177	54,120	18,601	174
March	360	19,274	181	1,832	2,149	64,043	51,713	17,993	147
April	406	17,793	161	1,758	1,852	60,680	46,063	16,006	121
May	541	21,450	183	1,883	2,947	62,606	56,793	20,117	150
June	486	19,044	153	1,753	2,156	47,394	48,864	16,573	164
July	596	19,498	181	1,950	2,407	60,273	58,601	20,005	142
Aug.	(e)	21,808	175	1,945	2,270	52,930	50,636	17,487	159
Sept.	524	21,159	165	1,919	2,283	50,228	49,636	16,969	120
Oct.	386	22,561	195	2,211	2,502	71,655	52,030	17,772	155
Nov.	431	27,509	186	1,945	3,050	78,369	46,429	16,117	146

Period	Pyjama suits (f)	Shirts (g)	Suits - 2 and 3 piece (h)	Shorts and knickers (i)	Boots, shoes and sandals (j)	Slippers	Ice cream	Aerated waters	Cordials and syrups
	dozen	dozen	number	number	pairs	pairs	'000 gal	'000 gal	gallons
1963-64	13,063	58,952	10,570	371,424	748,992	143,471	(e)	6,462	281,730
1964-65	12,555	66,489	10,869	404,846	850,548	109,818	(e)	6,918	337,629
1965-66	10,582	64,905	9,932	511,143	847,907	140,034	(e)	8,796	428,007
1966-67	10,054	64,070	9,961	493,520	875,341	176,207	2,688	10,324	510,823
1967-68	8,942	63,071	8,756	458,861	907,686	126,480	2,820	9,843	506,057
1967 - Nov.	310	6,113	800	34,162	98,736	17,365	326	1,146	92,993
Dec.	350	4,831	878	30,335	61,666	6,840	297	1,488	69,583
1968 - Jan.	309	3,499	446	38,282	47,755	5,540	332	1,347	63,846
Feb.	879	4,995	742	32,341	69,263	13,869	350	1,036	61,214
March	1,156	5,275	583	28,164	65,802	11,427	245	761	38,481
April	720	4,866	596	23,812	56,907	14,998	184	566	27,255
May	1,236	4,845	702	24,797	64,383	8,492	170	557	16,264
June	747	5,116	718	35,957	54,541	6,575	108	395	12,634
July	1,062	5,723	804	36,638	63,271	7,223	162	497	23,218
Aug.	522	6,194	801	39,849	80,070	3,528	173	593	21,811
Sept.	534	5,552	768	40,809	73,295	9,993	227	748	42,545
Oct.	736	6,168	749	44,833	111,464	11,321	292	1,042	60,611
Nov.	400	7,231	799	47,743	87,102	11,035	295	1,057	64,590

(a) Excludes water paints. (b) Local logs, including local logs used by plywood mills. (c) From local logs. Includes railway sleepers and plywood veneers in terms of superficial feet. (d) True volume (full-round). (e) Not available for publication. (f) Woven fabric - men's, youths' and boys'. (g) All types - men's, youths' and boys'. (h) Men's and youths'. (i) Men's, youths' and boys'. Excludes suit shorts and swim shorts. (j) Excludes sandals, rubber thongs and other footwear wholly of rubber.

(Includes quantities produced and used in own works)

Period	Bacon and ham	Butter	Cheese	Flour (plain) (a)	Stock foods: meat and bone meal	Elect- ricity gener- ated	Gas (town) pro- duced	Matt- resses (soft- filled) (b)	Auto- motive batt- eries, 6 and 12 volt (c)
	'000 lb	'000 lb	'000 lb	short tons (d)	cwt	mil kWh	mil ou ft	number	number
1963-64	8,468	15,491	3,373	143,296	218,832	1,318	1,435	47,855	(e)
1964-65	8,921	17,387	4,051	134,378	191,662	1,474	1,458	59,491	29,572
1965-66	9,605	18,133	2,712	113,665	246,040	1,639	1,483	66,755	31,497
1966-67	10,259	14,394	3,807	101,109	259,713	1,903	1,560	62,735	36,669
1967-68	11,576	13,253	4,310	110,244	340,320	2,174	1,778	60,969	39,676
1967 - Nov.	1,000	1,644	515	11,005	33,141	169	140	6,455	2,827
Dec.	1,154	1,146	393	7,520	28,239	168	133	5,035	2,538
1968 - Jan.	838	644	232	6,709	24,329	173	126	5,173	2,805
Feb.	817	283	94	8,928	26,450	171	124	5,742	3,490
March	878	135	58	8,501	27,816	180	142	6,403	3,761
April	958	271	88	7,583	27,666	176	149	5,396	4,548
May	965	816	351	10,415	30,683	211	169	4,988	4,100
June	897	1,186	433	8,869	27,114	210	169	3,733	2,731
July	960	1,583	525	10,382	26,792	228	184	4,698	2,953
Aug.	847	1,709	560	10,368	29,142	231	187	4,768	2,856
Sept.	1,046	1,835	525	9,805	32,713	211	176	3,382	2,170
Oct.	981	2,025	575	9,841	36,131	219	175	4,170	2,076
Nov.	1,175	1,814	507	11,970	38,559	208	162	5,540	2,442

Period	Sulph- uric acid	Super- phos- phate	Wool (scour- ed)	Cray- fish (f)	Scale fish (f)	Prawns (f)	Gold (g)(h)	Coal (h)	Iron ore (i)	Baux- ite (h)
	'000 tons	'000 tons	'000 lb	'000 lb	'000 lb	'000 lb	'000 fine oz	'000 tons	'000 tons	'000 tons
1963-64	306.9	863.6	27,478	17,973	11,494	2,118	753.3	922.7	1,417	195
1964-65	326.1	867.2	26,543	16,378	10,361	1,829	698.9	965.7	1,615	400
1965-66	404.8	1,070.5	26,690	17,794	14,343	2,485	645.2	1,042.1	3,079	583
1966-67	455.7	1,201.4	26,781	18,956	15,960	3,898	595.1	1,082.6	9,860	1,153
1967-68	536.7	1,415.6	27,900	22,041	16,737	3,836	551.2	1,057.9	13,893	1,367
1967 - Nov.	52.9	143.7	2,415	2,075	442	52	49.4	92.3		
Dec.	53.7	148.5	2,130	6,624	390	58	49.8	70.3		
1968 - Jan.	44.2	122.7	2,319	2,613	449	29	43.6	51.6		
Feb.	58.4	157.0	2,743	1,694	950	69	41.4	93.3	3,197	334
March	46.8	122.3	2,814	3,305	5,103	410	52.0	96.1		
April	52.5	137.7	2,676	3,049	3,686	585	47.7	71.9	4,019	325
May	45.7	122.7	2,899	1,366	1,972	575	41.7	106.4		
June	42.3	106.1	2,570	400	676	420	42.1	94.3	(j)	445
July	25.9	66.0	2,605	621	683	406	37.2	106.4		
Aug.	36.9	105.5	2,172	(j)	(j)	(j)	39.9	103.4		
Sept.	44.9	120.1	2,636	(j)	(j)	(j)	44.5	76.7		
Oct.	41.7	110.3	2,895	(j)	(j)	(j)	49.8	108.3		
Nov.	46.6	112.7	2,735	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)	104.3		

(a) Includes atta flour and quantities used for making self-raising flour. (b) Includes rubber, plastic foam and sponge. (c) Includes rebuilt batteries. (d) Short ton = 2,000 lb. (e) Not available for publication. (f) Catch in terms of live weight. (g) Includes gold contained in gold-bearing materials exported. (h) Mine production as reported to Department of Mines. (i) Net dry weight of saleable ore produced. (j) Not available at time of publication.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED AND MEAT PRODUCED: WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Period	Livestock slaughtered (a)				Meat produced (b)			
	Cattle and calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs	Beef and veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pigmeat (c)
	number	number	number	number	tons	tons	tons	tons
1963-64	373,422	1,278,731	858,390	184,831	66,025	24,516	12,174	9,852
1964-65	326,560	1,268,900	786,664	182,092	56,983	24,411	11,428	9,861
1965-66	314,557	1,677,399	857,560	194,586	58,089	32,153	12,542	10,444
1966-67	300,754	1,675,999	904,355	213,744	54,811	32,831	13,550	11,584
1967-68	326,721	2,152,665	1,060,750	240,615	58,086	41,772	15,909	13,015
1967 - Nov.	26,937	193,743	105,257	20,702	4,759	3,660	1,564	1,141
Dec.	27,104	190,034	99,684	21,735	4,681	3,586	1,487	1,087
1968 - Jan.	25,867	178,725	82,693	18,313	4,508	3,333	1,186	984
Feb.	27,535	202,993	94,872	18,927	4,589	3,752	1,372	1,023
March	25,555	192,389	95,078	19,452	4,269	3,622	1,405	1,060
April	19,639	144,745	76,998	19,139	3,364	2,512	1,119	1,048
May	27,490	170,398	92,939	21,521	4,843	3,259	1,376	1,201
June	32,383	144,080	98,713	18,182	6,171	2,762	1,469	1,015
July	34,308	153,457	107,327	21,686	6,616	3,008	1,555	1,211
Aug.	37,606	170,380	119,755	21,463	7,091	3,437	1,705	1,163
Sept.	33,787	160,589	156,217	23,295	6,272	3,262	2,243	1,265
Oct.	36,033	162,838	218,780	22,270	6,758	3,238	3,212	1,202
Nov.	30,175	200,201	177,757	25,222	5,561	3,901	2,572	1,349

(a) Excludes livestock slaughtered for boiling down and livestock slaughtered for human consumption but subsequently condemned. (b) Dressed carcass weight. Excludes offal. (c) Includes quantities used to produce bacon and ham.

WHOLE MILK PRODUCTION AND UTILISATION; WOOL SALES AND PRICES: WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Period	Whole milk				Wool sold at auctions (a)		
	Used for -			Total production	Greasy and scoured		Average price per lb (d)
	Butter(b)	Cheese(b)	Other purposes (c)		Quantity	Amount realised	
	'000 gal	'000 gal	'000 gal	'000 gal	bales	\$'000	cents
1963-64	31,766	3,450	21,946	57,162	435,610	77,811	55.72
1964-65	35,581	3,979	22,323	61,883	476,062	69,705	46.58
1965-66	37,097	2,656	22,112	61,865	540,415	83,664	48.60
1966-67	29,429	3,755	22,427	55,611	650,992	95,579	46.17
1967-68	27,092	4,252	23,076	54,420	724,825	93,924	40.45
1967 - Nov.	3,360	508	1,919	5,787	86,170	10,736	39.00
Dec.	2,342	388	1,901	4,631	54,800	7,062	40.48
1968 - Jan.	1,315	229	1,823	3,367	35,761	4,400	38.66
Feb.	578	93	1,825	2,496	92,537	11,762	39.79
March	275	57	2,009	2,341	58,112	7,530	40.45
April	554	87	1,902	2,543	67,886	8,491	39.06
May	1,667	346	2,056	4,069	67,934	8,922	40.86
June	2,428	427	1,992	4,847	25,760	3,456	41.06
July	3,235	518	2,057	5,810	42,196	5,716	40.96
Aug.	3,493	553	2,070	6,116	50,245	6,999	42.96
Sept.	3,750	518	1,974	6,242	69,438	10,080	45.31
Oct.	4,138	568	2,063	6,769	131,301	19,951	47.56
Nov.	3,706	500	2,073	6,279	88,032	13,485	48.01

(a) Source: The National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (b) Factory production only. (c) Principally for household consumption. (d) Average price of greasy wool sold at auction.

Period	New houses and flats (a)				Other new buildings			Total, including additions and alterations		
	Private	Govt	Total		Private	Govt	Total	Private	Govt	Total
	number	number	number	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
1963-64	7,401	1,876	9,277	62,086	23,508	30,126	53,634	83,278	41,132	124,410
1964-65	7,230	2,135	9,365	69,686	41,884	20,388	62,272	107,296	34,578	141,874
1965-66	7,298	1,904	9,202	70,683	27,225	24,664	51,889	94,042	38,572	132,614
1966-67	9,835	1,611	11,446	91,082	40,941	30,914	71,855	129,879	43,314	173,193
1967-68	13,124	1,995	15,119	137,156	55,823	47,813	103,636	188,950	63,849	252,799
1967 - Dec.	729	318	1,047	8,197	4,295	3,915	8,210	11,122	6,173	17,295
1968 - Jan.	990	199	1,189	11,824	3,023	8,296	11,319	14,220	9,720	23,940
Feb.	954	194	1,148	9,880	2,995	4,858	7,853	12,281	6,422	18,703
March	1,213	75	1,288	10,036	5,567	6,084	11,651	16,028	6,687	22,715
April	1,139	54	1,193	10,996	5,525	2,541	8,066	17,116	2,981	20,097
May	1,221	172	1,393	11,942	6,626	3,071	9,697	18,173	4,617	22,790
June	1,742	145	1,887	21,907	3,902	4,363	8,265	25,457	5,700	31,157
July	1,456	118	1,574	13,812	5,547	4,817	10,364	19,412	5,964	25,376
Aug.	1,374	92	1,466	12,924	3,840	1,258	5,098	17,029	2,024	19,053
Sept.	1,710	151	1,861	17,061	4,499	2,747	7,246	21,232	4,135	25,367
Oct.	1,531	184	1,715	16,055	3,553	4,084	7,637	19,279	5,743	25,022
Nov.	1,528	230	1,758	15,762	4,192	2,607	6,799	19,227	4,519	23,746
Dec.	1,473	54	1,527	13,176	5,105	2,909	8,014	18,721	3,490	22,211

(a) Individual living units.

BUILDING OPERATIONS: WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Period	Number of new dwellings				Value of new buildings completed			
	Commenced		Completed					
	Houses	Flats(a)	Houses	Flats(a)	Houses	Flats	Other new buildings	Total
					\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
1963-64	7,320	1,743	7,276	1,295	51,774	5,596	35,498	92,868
1964-65	7,467	1,730	7,445	1,841	57,238	9,046	40,816	107,100
1965-66	7,577	1,550	7,265	1,624	58,089	9,096	62,993	130,178
1966-67	8,539	2,455	8,272	1,742	78,078	9,322	74,735	162,135
1967-68	11,472	3,172	9,858	2,392	97,370	12,577	85,456	195,403
Quarters -								
1965 - Sept.	1,976	351	1,776	412	14,148	2,456	12,116	28,720
Dec.	1,713	268	1,837	362	14,468	1,844	15,646	31,958
1966 - March	1,943	420	1,803	423	14,306	2,090	20,616	37,012
June	1,945	511	1,849	427	15,167	2,706	14,615	32,488
Sept.	2,043	488	1,792	420	15,580	2,368	22,017	39,965
Dec.	2,166	619	2,277	513	21,301	2,575	14,017	37,893
1967 - March	2,043	755	1,885	387	18,180	2,081	19,941	40,202
June	2,287	593	2,318	422	23,017	2,298	18,760	44,075
Sept.	2,674	717	2,265	694	21,710	3,324	20,360	45,394
Dec.	2,593	658	2,565	760	26,470	4,316	23,760	54,546
1968 - March	2,929	801	2,435	471	22,310	2,329	21,887	46,526
June	3,276	996	2,593	467	26,880	2,608	19,449	48,937
Sept.	3,368	1,039	2,893	946	30,321	5,443	21,975	57,739

(a) Individual living units.

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND: WESTERN AUSTRALIA
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Partioulars	1966-67	1967-68	1968-69 (a)	October-December		
				1966-67	1967-68	1968-69
REVENUE						
Taxation	27,536	34,916	36,868	6,007	8,387	9,434
Territorial	7,655	11,845	17,092	1,536	2,981	3,776
Departmental reimbursements, fees, etc.	31,461	33,135	31,700	9,615	10,239	10,109
Commonwealth -						
Financial assistance grants	85,873	96,152	106,236	21,301	23,720	26,559
Special grants	19,406	15,518	582	6,806	4,093	582
Interest contributions on State debts	947	947	947	237	237	237
Additional assistance grant	523	-	15,500	-	-	3,876
Country water supplies, sewerage, drainage and irrigation	4,073	4,500	4,626	612	857	815
State abattoirs and saleyards	449	469	551	102	123	149
Railways	48,194	51,183	55,929	10,269	10,375	11,947
State batteries	71	74	84	17	23	30
Other	1,959	1,999	2,101	478	522	499
Total revenue	228,146	250,738	272,216	56,979	61,557	68,013
EXPENDITURE						
Appropriations under special Acts	49,939	52,916	56,997	12,466	13,180	12,247
Legislature	303	317	326	77	86	89
Departments -						
Premier, Treasurer, and Minister for Tourists	22,099	20,522	23,474	8,289	4,280	6,054
Minister for Agriculture	3,684	4,051	4,505	814	900	993
Minister for Industrial Develop- ment and the North-West	10,751	11,757	13,417	3,429	3,542	4,453
Minister for Education and Native Welfare	37,425	42,028	46,442	9,860	11,087	12,376
Minister for Works	7,218	8,585	9,422	1,830	1,902	2,428
Minister for Health and Fisheries and Fauna	25,512	28,241	32,567	6,936	8,181	8,852
Minister for Mines and Justice	4,504	5,394	5,399	1,144	1,201	1,488
Minister for Lands, Forests and Immigration	4,366	4,940	5,392	1,032	1,055	1,432
Chief Secretary and Minister for Police and Traffic	7,646	8,849	10,083	1,781	2,093	2,381
Minister for Local Government, Town Planning and Child Welfare	2,519	2,748	3,113	607	650	697
Minister for Housing and Labour	424	452	522	104	97	131
Total, Departments	126,147	137,568	154,336	35,826	34,989	41,284
Public utilities	51,785	59,108	60,557	12,466	12,989	13,831
Total expenditure	228,174	249,909	272,216	60,835	61,244	67,452

(a) Estimated.

Period	Real estate transactions (a)					New companies registered (b)		
	Transfers		Mortgages		Discharges of mortgages	Local		Foreign (c)
						Number	Nominal capital	
	number	\$'000	number	\$'000	number		\$'000	number
1963-64	29,295	159,193	22,773	128,837	16,588	504	38,793	210
1964-65	31,924	190,636	23,826	139,281	18,108	496	138,199	244
1965-66	28,529	184,985	22,320	140,117	17,664	607	38,332	230
1966-67	35,170	254,610	27,877	184,278	21,535	795	56,155	223
1967-68	39,240	336,504	31,445	244,349	23,486	1,214	80,814	251
1967 - Dec.	3,024	27,507	2,383	21,279	1,772	68	6,202	21
1968 - Jan.	2,877	25,318	2,259	16,894	1,751	75	4,540	10
Feb.	2,843	31,167	2,326	21,237	1,831	81	5,450	43
March	3,995	31,900	2,959	20,970	2,281	115	6,443	21
April	3,142	26,723	2,496	22,310	1,851	100	6,717	20
May	4,149	33,791	3,349	24,066	2,356	129	7,262	27
June	3,315	28,748	2,652	19,605	1,892	240	18,535	19
July	3,901	37,852	3,319	26,145	2,571	146	8,526	27
Aug.	3,353	29,052	3,036	20,181	2,356	148	17,400	31
Sept.	3,611	37,554	2,932	28,229	2,249	135	7,415	24
Oct.	3,928	47,148	3,216	30,744	2,483	158	9,030	34
Nov.	3,557	34,702	2,975	26,453	2,328	135	6,785	29
Dec.	3,559	39,649	2,990	30,371	2,210	169	7,922	30

(a) Source: Office of Titles. (b) Source: Companies Registration Office. (c) Companies incorporated outside Western Australia are required to register as 'foreign' companies if they carry on business in Western Australia.

SAVINGS BANKS - DEPOSITORS' BALANCES: WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Savings bank	At end of -					
	June 1966	June 1967	June 1968	Sept. 1968	Oct. 1968	Nov. 1968
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Government -						
Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia	160,279	176,148	191,639	198,152	200,581	200,600
The Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia	37,823	43,748	50,339	56,536	57,719	58,390
Private -						
Australia and New Zealand Sav- ings Bank Limited	17,393	20,174	24,574	25,676	26,288	26,539
The Bank of Adelaide Savings Bank Limited	613	699	938	1,292	1,357	1,226
Bank of New South Wales Savings Bank Limited	50,302	56,817	64,998	66,768	67,957	68,084
The Commercial Savings Bank of Australia Limited	5,573	7,191	8,812	9,424	9,551	9,704
C.B.C. Savings Bank Limited	659	787	897	959	971	984
E.S. & A. Savings Bank Limited	4,111	5,692	7,107	7,544	7,698	7,780
The National Bank Savings Bank Limited	16,118	19,551	24,298	25,716	26,483	26,675
Total deposits	292,871	330,807	373,602	392,067	398,605	399,982
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Deposits per head of population	345.3	377.5	410.8	426.8	(a)433.9	(a)435.4

Source: Commonwealth of Australia Gazette. (a) Preliminary.

TRADING BANKS (a) - AVERAGES OF DEPOSITS AND ADVANCES: WESTERN AUSTRALIA

(Averages based on amounts as at close of business each Wednesday)

Period	Deposits			Advances (b)	Ratio of advances to total deposits
	Not bearing interest	Bearing interest	Total		
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	per cent
1963-64	156,120	86,148	242,268	164,878	68.1
1964-65	160,842	111,538	272,430	186,000	68.3
1965-66	176,299	134,136	310,432	195,190	62.9
1966-67	204,352	151,550	355,899	212,023	59.6
1967-68	230,910	167,929	398,837	252,627	63.3
1967 - Nov.	217,326	167,990	385,315	257,985	67.0
Dec.	230,889	168,752	399,639	256,790	64.3
1968 - Jan.	269,714	170,949	440,661	236,377	53.6
Feb.	261,509	172,779	434,288	238,327	54.9
March	256,352	174,261	430,612	246,050	57.1
April	246,005	172,569	418,572	261,282	62.4
May	238,162	172,212	410,375	268,706	65.5
June	237,540	174,172	411,710	270,015	65.6
July	231,806	177,891	409,696	277,419	67.7
Aug.	230,798	179,686	410,484	283,753	69.1
Sept.	237,900	181,357	419,257	288,427	68.8
Oct.	250,559	181,356	431,916	293,983	68.1
Nov.	257,660	184,676	442,334	295,744	66.9

(a) Comprises trading banks and the Rural Department (General Banking Division) of The Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia. (b) Excludes loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market.

TRADING BANKS (a) - AVERAGE WEEKLY DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS (b)

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

(\$ million)

Period	1961-62	1962-63	1963-64	1964-65	1965-66	1966-67	1967-68	1968-69
July	75.2	84.2	88.1	96.0	108.5	129.2	154.0	190.7
August	70.1	78.7	84.0	87.9	108.7	122.5	145.5	177.0
September	74.8	81.5	90.3	94.9	106.3	118.6	140.1	177.9
October	78.6	88.5	98.1	106.6	121.6	135.8	160.7	202.7
November	78.0	87.8	96.6	100.1	121.4	135.4	169.0	204.8
December	88.3	90.1	105.3	116.8	128.2	146.1	176.6	
January	85.9	98.9	97.6	106.9	138.1	154.5	164.8	
February	86.7	96.2	101.5	110.7	122.4	143.0	190.7	
March	87.0	87.8	101.0	111.9	128.6	138.3	181.1	
April	76.5	93.4	102.0	111.9	119.5	149.9	178.7	
May	85.6	89.3	96.3	113.8	136.3	150.4	184.8	
June	78.0	81.8	95.8	116.7	129.2	141.7	185.8	
Average for year	80.4	88.2	96.4	106.3	122.4	138.6	169.1	

(a) See footnote (a) to table above. (b) Average weekly debits to customers' accounts represent the total of all cheques drawn by customers of trading banks and, in addition, the Rural Credits Department of the Reserve Bank of Australia and the Commonwealth Development Bank of Australia. Debits to Commonwealth and State Government accounts at city branches are excluded as they are subject to abnormal influences.

LIFE INSURANCE: WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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Period(a)	New policies issued (b)		Policies discontinued or reduced (b)		New loans paid over (c)		
	Number	Sum insured	Number	Sum insured	On mort- gages of real estate	Other	Total
		\$'000		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
1964-65	43,038	156,758	35,323	51,422	10,374	2,616	12,990
1965-66	44,087	175,114	34,681	62,556	8,458	3,013	11,471
1966-67	51,244	217,357	34,640	66,535	9,279	2,937	12,216
1967-68	54,767	261,927	31,853	72,220	13,747	3,959	17,706
1967 - Oct.	4,332	18,803	2,806	7,008	951	272	1,223
Nov.	4,805	21,735	2,350	4,797	895	294	1,189
Dec.	4,596	27,662	2,415	7,153	1,892	359	2,252
1968 - Jan.	2,854	13,646	2,308	4,987	459	254	713
Feb.	3,717	16,957	2,606	5,718	1,544	464	2,008
March	4,511	21,196	2,733	6,322	945	344	1,289
April	4,579	23,150	2,760	8,015	1,162	336	1,498
May	5,165	25,750	2,876	6,294	1,619	391	2,011
June	5,413	29,483	2,616	5,449	984	363	1,347
July	6,364	33,009	3,062	6,818	1,470	238	1,708
Aug.	5,033	26,150	2,670	7,270	1,247	348	1,594
Sept.	5,264	26,321	2,486	6,098	981	334	1,315
Oct.	4,558	23,562	2,964	8,610	1,286	394	1,681

(a) Monthly figures are preliminary and do not necessarily add to annual totals.

(b) Excludes annuities. (c) Excludes advances of premiums.

HIRE PURCHASE (a) FOR RETAIL SALES: WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Period	New agreements made			Value of goods			Amount financed (c)			Balances outstand- ing at end of period (d)
	Motor veh- icles, trac- tors, etc.	Plant and mach- inery	House- hold goods, etc. (b)	Motor veh- icles, trac- tors, etc.	Plant and mach- inery	House- hold goods, etc. (b)	Motor veh- icles, trac- tors, etc.	Plant and mach- inery	House- hold goods, etc. (b)	
	'000	'000	'000	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1963-64	44.6	4.7	82.1	67.6	9.5	12.8	44.4	5.9	10.4	91.5
1964-65	41.8	5.2	78.0	65.3	12.1	12.5	42.2	7.8	10.3	93.2
1965-66	40.9	5.9	73.2	71.5	16.2	12.9	45.9	10.5	10.7	98.7
1966-67	43.2	5.5	79.3	73.2	17.1	13.9	48.7	11.4	11.4	101.1
1967-68	45.3	5.8	88.1	80.4	19.7	16.0	55.6	13.8	13.3	119.9
Quarters -										
1966 - Sept.	11.6	0.9	19.6	18.7	3.1	3.6	12.3	2.1	2.9	101.4
Dec.	10.9	1.6	20.8	18.9	5.6	3.7	12.5	3.7	3.1	106.4
1967 - March	10.0	1.3	18.8	17.2	3.7	3.2	11.4	2.4	2.6	100.4
June	10.7	1.8	20.1	18.4	4.8	3.5	12.5	3.2	2.9	101.1
Sept.	10.8	0.9	21.1	18.8	3.3	3.7	12.7	2.3	3.1	107.6
Dec.	11.5	1.5	24.2	21.0	5.4	4.3	14.6	3.8	3.6	115.2
1968 - March	11.4	1.7	22.2	20.0	5.4	4.2	13.9	3.8	3.4	114.2
June	11.6	1.8	20.6	20.6	5.5	3.8	14.4	3.9	3.2	119.9
Sept.	10.8	1.0	22.1	18.7	3.2	4.2	13.1	2.5	3.6	122.3

(a) Includes details of the operations of Retail Businesses as well as those of Non-retail Finance Businesses. 'Retail Businesses' include retailers who finance their own hire purchase agreements either themselves or through subsidiaries set up solely for the purpose. 'Non-retail Finance Businesses' include those which finance the sale of goods by retail, but do not retail goods themselves. (b) Includes furniture and furnishings, domestic refrigerators, electrical goods, radios, musical instruments, bicycles and other household and personal goods. (c) Excludes hiring charges, etc. (d) Includes hiring charges, etc.

INSTALLMENT CREDIT FOR RETAIL SALES (a): WESTERN AUSTRALIA
(\$ million)

Period	Amount financed during period (excluding hiring charges, interest and insurance)				Cash re-payments	Balances outstanding at end of period (incl. hiring charges, etc.)
	Motor vehicles, tractors, etc.	Plant and machinery	Household and personal goods	Total		
1963-64	49.4	6.1	19.4	74.9	85.7	108.9
1964-65	47.4	7.9	20.1	75.3	88.8	109.9
1965-66	51.5	11.3	20.3	83.1	93.3	115.5
1966-67	60.3	14.2	23.0	97.4	104.5	126.8
1967-68	74.7	17.9	25.1	117.7	117.6	152.1
Quarters -						
1966 - Sept.	14.2	2.3	5.6	22.1	22.8	118.8
Dec.	15.6	4.9	6.6	27.0	23.4	127.0
1967 - March	14.4	3.0	4.9	22.3	32.8	120.9
June	16.0	4.0	5.9	26.0	25.5	126.8
Sept.	17.0	2.9	6.1	26.0	24.8	133.3
Dec.	19.0	5.2	7.1	31.3	26.8	144.4
1968 - March	19.0	4.8	5.8	29.6	37.1	143.7
June	19.8	4.9	6.2	30.9	28.9	152.1
Sept.	18.4	3.4	6.6	28.3	28.9	156.5

(a) Comprises Hire Purchase operations shown on page 21 and Other Instalment Credit. The latter includes such schemes as budget accounts, time payments, and personal loans for the purchase of goods at retail in which repayment is made by regular, predetermined instalments. Particulars for all businesses of the types described in footnote (a) on page 21 are included.

CORPORATE FINANCE COMPANIES (a): WESTERN AUSTRALIA
(\$ million)

Period	Amount financed during period (excl. hiring charges, interest and insurance)					Balances outstanding at end of period		Business equipment and plant on lease	
	Instalment credit for retail sales (b)	Wholesale hire purchase	Mortgage loans	Personal and commercial loans and factoring	Total	Contracts which include unmatured charges, etc. at time of agreement	Contracts which exclude unmatured charges, etc. (c) at time of agreement	Initial capital cost of goods newly leased	Balances outstanding at end of period
1964-65	46.0	28.7	18.1	6.0	98.7	99.1	10.4	(d)	3.0
1965-66	52.2	35.9	17.0	7.4	112.5	109.3	14.9	(d)	3.9
1966-67	62.1	61.7	28.9	9.8	162.5	131.0	22.0	3.7	6.0
1967-68(e)	77.9	73.9	50.2	12.7	214.8	171.3	36.7	9.2	11.9
1967 - Oct.	6.7	6.3	3.8	0.8	17.7	142.7	27.1	0.9	7.6
Nov.	7.3	6.7	4.8	0.9	19.8	148.3	29.0	0.7	8.1
Dec.	6.5	6.4	4.1	1.1	18.0	152.9	29.8	0.5	8.3
1968 - Jan.	6.8	4.3	3.6	0.6	15.3	155.4	29.1	0.9	9.0
Feb.	6.8	5.9	4.3	0.9	17.9	155.1	30.5	0.8	9.6
March	6.5	6.5	4.4	1.2	18.6	158.4	31.8	1.0	10.4
April	6.8	6.9	4.6	1.0	19.3	163.3	32.7	0.9	11.0
May	7.6	8.2	5.2	1.8	22.8	168.9	34.1	0.9	11.4
June	6.0	6.9	4.5	1.3	18.7	171.3	36.7	1.0	11.9
July	6.4	7.5	5.4	2.4	21.8	175.5	39.7	0.7	12.5
Aug.	6.3	6.1	5.2	2.0	19.6	179.1	41.5	0.8	13.0
Sept.	5.8	6.1	5.6	1.3	18.9	182.1	41.3	0.9	13.4
Oct.	8.0	7.9	7.9	1.0	24.7	187.6	43.2	1.0	14.0

(a) Companies engaged mainly in providing certain credit facilities to the general public (companies or persons). Excludes banks, insurance companies, etc. and companies providing credit to 'related' companies. (b) Included in figures in previous table. (c) Balances outstanding include hiring charges, interest and insurance accrued and unpaid at end of period. (d) Not available. (e) Preliminary figures; subject to revision.

RETAIL SALES - COMMODITY GROUPS: WESTERN AUSTRALIA
(\$ million)

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Commodity group	Year			Quarter ended -				
	1965-66	1966-67	1967-68	Sept. 1967	Dec. 1967	March 1968	June 1968	Sept. 1968
Groceries	89.3	95.3	103.9	25.1	27.1	25.1	26.6	27.3
Butchers' meat	36.8	40.5	44.0	10.8	10.9	10.6	11.7	11.6
Other food (a)	63.6	68.1	74.4	17.4	19.5	18.8	18.7	18.8
Beer, wine and spirits (b)	55.1	62.4	67.8	14.8	18.8	17.5	16.7	17.4
Clothing, drapery, etc.	73.7	80.4	88.6	20.9	24.3	19.1	24.3	22.6
Footwear	12.8	13.5	15.0	3.6	4.1	3.3	4.0	3.7
Hardware, china and glass-ware (c)	12.7	13.3	15.1	3.3	4.6	3.6	3.6	3.6
Electrical goods and musical instruments	28.7	31.5	36.9	8.4	10.7	8.8	9.0	9.4
Furniture, floor coverings, mattresses	22.8	24.6	28.4	6.8	7.6	6.7	7.3	7.8
Chemists' goods	24.3	26.7	28.9	6.8	8.2	6.7	7.2	7.8
Newspapers, books, stationery	13.9	14.8	16.1	3.7	4.3	4.3	3.8	4.1
Other goods (d)	46.7	51.8	55.6	12.9	16.7	13.1	12.9	14.0
Total - excluding motor vehicles, etc.	480.4	522.9	574.7	134.5	156.8	137.6	145.8	148.1
New and used motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.	179.6	215.8	243.5	56.7	60.7	58.4	67.7	67.8

(a) Includes fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, etc. but excludes some delivered milk and bread. (b) Excludes sales made by licensed clubs. (c) Excludes basic building materials, builders' hardware and supplies, such as tools of trade, paint, etc. (d) Includes tobacco, cigarettes, etc.; jewellery, sporting goods, etc. but excludes grain and produce, and business machines.

OIL INDUSTRY - SALES OF MAIN PETROLEUM PRODUCTS: WESTERN AUSTRALIA
(Million gallons)

Period	Avia- tion gas- oline	Motor spir- it (a)	Avia- tion turbine fuel	Light- ing kero- sene (b)	Power kero- sene	Auto- motive distil- late(c)	Industrial diesel fuel		Furnace oil	
							Inland	Bunk- ers	Inland (d)	Bunk- ers
1963-64	3.3	117.5	6.9	6.1	3.5	42.7	14.6	8.5	49.9	85.3
1964-65	3.0	127.2	9.2	6.5	3.3	50.5	16.0	8.7	61.2	83.6
1965-66	3.9	138.4	11.3	6.9	3.0	65.1	15.3	9.4	67.5	91.5
1966-67	3.1	147.3	14.9	7.4	2.6	73.1	16.2	11.5	93.7	103.3
1967-68	3.6	161.0	18.7	8.7	2.2	92.2	16.9	19.5	122.3	141.0
1967 - Nov.	0.3	13.9	1.5	0.5	0.2	7.3	1.3	3.1	7.9	11.4
Dec.	0.3	13.4	1.6	0.4	0.2	7.1	1.1	2.6	12.4	11.3
1968 - Jan.	0.2	13.3	1.5	0.4	0.1	7.4	1.1	2.1	8.2	12.8
Feb.	0.3	13.9	1.7	0.5	0.2	7.4	1.4	1.5	8.5	11.1
March	0.3	13.8	1.5	0.6	0.2	7.8	1.5	1.1	8.4	12.1
April	0.3	13.7	1.6	0.8	0.3	10.1	1.7	1.4	8.4	11.3
May	0.4	14.4	1.8	1.1	0.2	11.0	1.5	1.3	14.6	16.6
June	0.3	13.3	1.5	1.1	0.2	9.0	1.4	1.3	14.3	12.7
July	0.4	14.1	1.6	1.3	0.1	8.6	1.6	0.9	10.3	9.9
Aug.	0.3	13.8	1.7	1.4	0.1	7.0	1.7	1.5	12.7	11.9
Sept.	0.4	14.5	1.8	1.1	0.1	8.0	1.4	2.3	16.6	9.4
Oct.	0.3	14.2	2.0	0.8	0.2	7.6	1.6	2.7	14.2	12.0
Nov.	0.3	15.0	1.7	0.6	0.2	10.0	1.4	1.7	13.3	12.9

Source: Department of National Development. (a) Includes super and standard grades. (b) Includes heating oil. (c) Includes small quantity of bunker sales. (d) Excludes refinery fuel.

EXTERNAL TRADE: WESTERN AUSTRALIA

(\$ million)

Period	Imports			Exports (a)			Excess of imports	Ships' stores
	Inter-state	Overseas	Total	Inter-state	Overseas	Total		
1963-64	323.2	121.7	444.9	101.2	286.7	387.9	56.9	9.7
1964-65	343.9	153.5	497.4	120.0	243.1	363.0	134.4	9.0
1965-66	403.1	175.7	578.7	119.6	314.4	434.0	144.7	10.1
1966-67	474.9	159.4	634.2	116.0	421.3	537.4	96.9	10.9
1967-68	527.1	207.0	734.0	124.5	475.3	599.8	134.3	14.8
Quarters -								
1966 - Sept.	103.0	39.3	142.3	22.1	92.6	114.7	27.5	2.4
Dec.	97.5	39.0	136.5	30.0	95.6	125.6	10.9	2.7
1967 - March	103.0	39.0	142.1	26.2	122.9	149.1	(b) 7.1	3.1
June	171.4	42.1	213.4	37.7	110.2	147.9	65.6	2.8
Sept.	79.1	48.9	128.0	22.0	107.5	129.5	(b) 1.5	3.2
Dec.	121.7	43.3	165.0	25.0	109.8	134.7	30.3	3.7
1968 - March	108.5	55.9	164.4	25.9	124.8	150.7	13.7	4.1
June	217.7	58.9	276.6	51.6	133.2	184.8	91.8	3.8
Sept.	107.3	55.5	162.8	23.8	114.0	137.8	25.1	4.1

(a) Excludes ships' stores and includes value of gold bullion. (b) Excess of Exports over Imports.

VALUE OF OVERSEAS AND INTERSTATE EXPORTS (a) - SELECTED COMMODITIES: WESTERN AUSTRALIA
(\$'000)

Period	Meat (b)	Cray-fish tails (b)	Cereal grains	Fruit and vegetables (b)	Timber	Wool	Metallic ores and concentrates	Petroleum and petroleum products	Iron and steel (c)	Gold bullion
1963-64	15,539	9,211	85,489	5,476	6,813	119,763	8,406	54,751	16,141	12,045
1964-65	16,102	10,592	64,591	7,260	6,279	100,808	11,543	43,615	19,177	16,127
1965-66	18,680	13,821	109,353	7,466	3,687	118,445	17,006	37,911	14,867	26,147
1966-67	17,602	13,873	141,077	7,731	7,475	129,989	63,818	36,553	15,658	15,107
1967-68	19,770	17,989	132,466	5,698	4,947	128,537	121,791	44,550	11,442	11,816
Quarters -										
1966 - June	3,902	4,634	39,849	4,976	703	29,479	5,446	8,744	1,992	7,044
Sept.	4,523	2,066	36,677	662	1,763	28,959	8,205	10,558	3,012	2,020
Dec.	4,600	769	26,358	315	3,007	40,005	15,026	10,799	3,329	5,044
1967 - March	5,286	4,929	43,693	1,180	950	30,977	18,469	6,141	3,501	4,042
June	3,193	6,109	34,349	5,574	1,755	30,048	22,118	9,055	5,817	4,002
Sept.	4,951	1,499	35,254	571	931	27,031	21,777	8,687	1,983	5,051
Dec.	5,617	1,496	29,152	234	747	32,972	28,518	10,143	4,037	2,935
1968 - March	5,691	7,090	35,062	1,199	1,217	31,855	33,429	11,064	2,145	607
June	3,511	7,904	32,998	3,693	2,051	36,679	38,067	14,657	3,277	3,223

(a) Excludes ships' stores. (b) Fresh or preserved by cold process. (c) Principally pig-iron, cast iron, basic shapes and sections.

VALUE OF OVERSEAS AND INTERSTATE IMPORTS - SELECTED COMMODITIES: WESTERN AUSTRALIA 25
(\$'000)

Period	Food	Bev- erages and tobac- co	Petrol- eum and petrol- eum pro- ducts	Chem- icals	Rubber and rubber manu- factures	Iron and steel	Paper and paper manu- factures	Mach- inery	Trans- port equip- ment	Tex- tiles and apparel
1963-64	33,689	11,490	49,830	35,983	11,978	32,897	14,827	71,866	60,314	54,209
1964-65	35,530	11,924	46,089	37,121	11,580	44,087	11,107	93,551	60,111	56,055
1965-66	38,442	13,543	46,161	44,060	16,266	51,156	13,892	114,034	79,094	63,750
1966-67	52,371	16,301	39,226	55,023	17,561	48,239	12,953	115,956	84,599	74,455
1967-68	52,717	18,773	37,135	62,631	19,817	57,114	15,017	149,865	115,082	73,437
Quarters -										
1966 - June	11,122	3,888	12,335	14,257	4,553	23,226	4,568	31,375	27,439	20,889
Sept.	11,888	3,931	10,766	11,593	3,701	7,577	2,638	29,630	19,277	16,027
Dec.	10,691	4,011	11,271	11,082	4,078	8,584	2,504	26,145	15,245	16,074
1967 - Mar.	9,848	3,351	7,128	12,439	3,550	16,320	3,313	24,540	20,350	16,263
June	19,944	5,008	10,061	19,909	6,232	15,758	4,498	35,641	29,727	26,091
Sept.	8,020	3,754	8,409	9,377	3,127	6,906	2,566	32,985	19,700	10,875
Dec.	12,263	3,943	10,122	13,257	4,718	19,586	3,306	29,547	19,572	18,419
1968 - Mar.	11,370	3,967	8,205	14,417	4,422	12,029	3,285	36,183	22,318	16,325
June	21,064	7,109	10,399	25,580	7,549	18,593	5,860	51,149	53,491	27,817

CARGO (a) DISCHARGED AND SHIPPED: WESTERN AUSTRALIAN PORTS
('000 tons)

Period	Discharged			Shipped			Total, discharged and shipped	
	Overseas	Inter- state	Intra- state	Overseas	Inter- state	Intra- state	Weight	Measure- ment
1963-64	4,447	737	335	3,313	2,804	333	11,445	525
1964-65	4,346	818	387	2,743	3,074	397	11,213	553
1965-66	4,635	889	546	3,873	3,948	580	13,740	731
1966-67	4,760	959	635	9,920	4,109	658	19,848	1,194
1967-68	5,066	1,281	1,052	16,288	4,788	1,047	28,238	1,286
1967 - Sept.	418	63	95	1,235	327	118	2,150	106
Oct.	494	117	106	1,305	382	55	2,375	84
Nov.	347	101	119	1,418	378	108	2,369	101
Dec.	451	126	94	1,193	443	98	2,310	94
1968 - Jan.	476	90	82	1,643	501	77	2,779	91
Feb.	325	113	80	1,356	396	70	2,243	103
Mar.	374	134	95	1,237	376	108	2,218	106
Apr.	446	90	83	1,312	465	84	2,347	133
May	532	145	119	1,647	544	99	2,954	133
June	438	75	97	1,459	384	104	2,468	88
July	480	154	115	1,612	712	125	3,089	109
Aug.	464	152	105	1,705	543	124	2,975	117
Sept.	436	161	106	1,575	348	88	2,601	112

(a) Most cargoes are recorded in terms of the ton weight of 2,240 lb but some cargo, consisting mainly of bulky commodities, is recorded on the basis of the ton measurement, a unit equivalent to 40 cubic feet of space. Statistics are compiled accordingly in terms of 'tons weight' or 'tons measurement'. In order to provide a ready comparison, as in this table, of the volume of cargo discharged or shipped the amounts recorded in the two categories have been aggregated.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS

Period	Rev- enue train miles	Train pass- engers car- ried (a)	Paying traffic				Oper- ating rev- enues (b)	Oper- ating ex- penses (b)	Excess of operating revenues over expenses (b)
			Tonnage carried		Ton mileage				
			Goods	Live- stock	Goods	Live- stock			
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
1963-64	7,506	10,814	5,073	115	795,834	17,485	35,190	32,250	2,939
1964-65	7,562	10,395	5,128	101	825,209	16,857	36,686	32,920	3,766
1965-66	8,043	10,168	6,277	107	1,001,641	19,129	43,669	35,985	7,684
1966-67	8,321	9,831	7,776	97	1,225,638	18,429	49,120	40,170	8,950
1967-68	8,372	9,970	8,822	88	1,557,094	14,655	52,773	42,623	10,150
1967 - Nov.	663	742	670	9	119,786	1,392	4,097	3,507	590
Dec.	677	722	750	6	132,432	996	4,354	3,370	984
1968 - Jan.	711	791	789	7	134,966	907	4,474	3,449	1,025
Feb.	727	953	820	6	144,661	911	4,749	3,512	1,237
March	755	768	789	5	142,188	806	4,773	3,533	1,240
April	707	789	813	5	151,890	685	4,802	3,434	1,368
May	764	955	848	6	154,486	905	5,056	4,004	1,052
June	667	753	690	6	128,399	1,106	4,069	3,488	581
July	699	882	696	7	122,076	1,147	4,354	3,911	443
Aug.	677	814	735	7	131,848	1,320	4,323	3,690	633
Sept.	645	1,151	761	8	131,951	1,535	4,326	3,530	796
Oct.	668	770	771	9	134,227	1,739	4,449	3,740	709
Nov.	663	774	728	10	124,477	2,106	4,094	3,640	454

Source: Western Australian Government Railways Commission. (a) Based on ticket sales, making allowance for periodical tickets. (b) Includes operations of Railway Road Services. Monthly figures are estimates and may not add to the annual figures shown.

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS: WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Period	Accidents						Casualties			
	Non-casualty accidents (a)		Casualty accidents		Total accidents (a)		Persons killed		Persons injured	
	Metro-politan (b)	Whole State (c)	Metro-politan (b)	Whole State (c)	Metro-politan (b)	Whole State (c)	Metro-politan (b)	Whole State (c)	Metro-politan (b)	Whole State (c)
1963	6,207	8,583	2,913	4,057	9,120	12,640	110	198	3,734	5,399
1964	7,658	10,283	2,859	4,062	10,517	14,345	88	222	3,761	5,450
1965	10,126	12,730	3,001	4,170	13,127	16,900	105	252	3,930	5,638
1966	10,896	13,856	3,174	4,346	14,070	18,202	115	253	4,306	5,997
1967	12,659	15,908	3,522	4,659	16,181	20,567	110	256	4,774	6,426
1967 - Oct.	958	1,214	268	357	1,226	1,571	9	21	375	508
Nov.	964	1,219	297	377	1,261	1,596	11	23	383	487
Dec.	1,065	1,373	328	414	1,393	1,787	14	25	459	590
1968 - Jan.	935	1,208	225	314	1,160	1,522	10	32	308	447
Feb.	1,026	1,279	282	380	1,308	1,659	16	32	410	543
Mar.	1,313	1,576	303	407	1,616	1,983	8	23	402	551
Apr.	1,317	1,597	269	377	1,586	1,974	11	29	359	519
May	1,261	1,550	348	421	1,609	1,971	16	23	468	562
June	1,557	1,833	363	460	1,920	2,293	10	29	475	626
July	1,448	1,674	322	415	1,770	2,089	9	24	441	556
Aug.	1,583	1,856	348	442	1,931	2,298	13	17	468	595
Sept.	1,369	1,604	320	406	1,689	2,010	16	39	457	587
Oct.	1,141	1,396	251	337	1,392	1,733	9	24	351	473

(a) Excludes non-casualty accidents where estimated damage was \$50 or less. (b) Metro-politan Traffic Area; see note (b) to following table. (c) See note (c) to following table.

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area (b)					Whole State (c)				
	Motor cars	Station wagons	Utilities, vans, trucks, omnibuses	Motor cycles (d)	Total	Motor cars	Station wagons	Utilities, vans, trucks, omnibuses	Motor cycles (d)	Total
1963	12,594	3,766	3,036	470	19,866	18,426	6,049	6,882	683	32,040
1964	11,602	3,675	3,194	369	18,840	17,128	5,982	7,042	568	30,720
1965	11,574	3,374	3,691	387	19,026	16,988	5,706	8,130	588	31,412
1966	13,583	3,787	4,171	595	22,136	20,354	6,307	9,070	926	36,657
1967	16,195	4,055	4,997	807	26,054	23,413	6,394	9,970	1,317	41,094
1968	19,296	4,384	5,546	931	30,157	27,658	6,812	10,684	1,622	46,776
1967 - Dec.	1,590	416	459	74	2,539	2,355	638	823	113	3,929
1968 - Jan.	1,222	273	440	86	2,021	1,809	453	883	158	3,303
Feb.	1,621	436	424	140	2,621	2,251	641	730	211	3,833
March	1,531	407	382	98	2,418	2,206	633	677	144	3,660
April	1,480	386	431	59	2,356	2,194	602	817	110	3,723
May	1,797	440	538	86	2,861	2,615	689	1,000	136	4,440
June	1,685	408	440	43	2,576	2,430	636	903	87	4,056
July	1,596	423	526	59	2,604	2,271	591	988	120	3,970
Aug.	1,540	295	481	69	2,385	2,215	494	963	136	3,808
Sept.	1,580	330	459	63	2,432	2,129	496	821	115	3,561
Oct.	1,866	345	472	70	2,753	2,679	531	996	110	4,316
Nov.	1,690	304	522	82	2,598	2,349	488	1,031	147	4,015
Dec.	1,688	337	431	76	2,532	2,510	558	875	148	4,091

(a) Commonwealth-owned vehicles (other than those of the defence services) listed with the Commonwealth Registry, Canberra are included with Whole State figures only. (b) As constituted under the Traffic Act and Regulations. The Metropolitan Traffic Area was enlarged, with effect from 1 October 1966, to include the whole of the Shire of Armadale-Kelmscott instead of, as formerly, only part of the Shire. (c) Statistics are also available on request for the Perth Statistical Division. (d) Includes motor scooters.

MOTOR VEHICLES ON REGISTER (a): WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Date (end of month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area (b)				Whole State (c)			
	Motor cars and station wagons	Utilities, vans, trucks, omnibuses	Motor cycles (d)	Total	Motor cars and station wagons	Utilities, vans, trucks, omnibuses	Motor cycles (d)	Total
1955 - Dec. (e)	60,210	22,743	8,830	91,783	95,032	61,161	13,012	169,205
1962 - Dec. (e)	110,028	28,486	8,714	147,228	165,637	75,531	12,257	253,425
1963 - Dec.	122,025	29,010	7,762	158,797	181,424	77,738	10,960	270,122
1964 - Dec.	131,793	29,700	6,738	168,231	195,818	78,470	9,602	283,890
1965 - Dec.	141,883	31,206	6,131	179,220	210,737	82,735	8,948	302,420
1966 - Dec.	159,442	34,783	6,241	200,466	231,916	86,554	8,857	327,327
1967 - June	166,032	35,595	6,194	207,821	240,519	87,661	8,881	337,061
Sept.	167,965	35,844	6,135	209,944	242,882	87,163	8,887	338,932
Dec.	174,375	37,323	6,352	218,050	251,731	90,862	9,268	351,861
1968 - March	178,496	38,147	6,494	223,137	256,128	91,234	9,523	356,885
June	183,227	38,488	6,523	228,238	263,552	92,563	9,632 (f)	365,747

(a) Commonwealth-owned vehicles (other than those of the defence services) listed with the Commonwealth Registry, Canberra are included with Whole State figures only. At 30 June 1968 there were 1,851 such vehicles comprising 182 motor cars, 301 station wagons, 442 utilities, 341 panel vans, 537 trucks, 19 omnibuses and 29 motor cycles. (b) See footnote (b) to table above. (c) Statistics from 1945 are also available on request for the Perth Statistical Division. (d) Includes motor scooters. (e) Census figures, 31 December. (f) Comprises 214,315 motor cars, 49,237 station wagons, 44,163 utilities, 13,340 panel vans, 33,133 trucks, 1,927 omnibuses (including 50 trolley-buses) and 9,632 motor cycles and motor scooters.

PERTH AIRPORT: AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS, PASSENGERS AND FREIGHT

Period	Domestic aircraft				International aircraft			
	Aircraft movements (a)	Passengers		Freight handled (short tons)(b)	Aircraft movements (a)	Passengers		Freight handled (short tons)(b)
		Em-barked	Dis-embarked			Em-barked	Dis-embarked	
1963	6,262	79,581	79,671	3,886	821	5,740	7,722	424
1964	6,358	94,525	94,994	4,363	906	6,769	9,337	454
1965	7,582	118,046	116,809	5,586	932	8,977	10,390	555
1966	7,952	131,312	133,473	6,464	1,242	11,312	14,002	588
1967	8,234	147,798	146,040	6,889	1,704	15,093	19,137	536
1966 -								
Jan. - June	3,956	65,613	63,797	3,087	570	5,083	5,710	260
July - Dec.	3,996	65,699	69,676	3,377	672	6,229	8,292	328
1967 -								
Jan. - June	4,095	72,678	70,609	3,264	767	6,835	8,023	251
July - Dec.	4,139	75,120	75,431	3,625	937	8,258	11,114	285
1968 -								
Jan. - June	4,463	82,679	82,856	3,970	897	11,115	12,807	342

Source: Department of Civil Aviation.

(a) Total of arrivals and departures.
short ton = 2,000 lb.

(b) Comprises freight loaded and discharged:

POST OFFICE ACTIVITY: WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Period	Telephone services connected (involving new lines or equipment)			Licences in force (a)			Revenue (b)	
	Metro. (c)	Rest of State	Total	Broad-cast listeners'	Tele-vision viewers'	Com-bined receiving (d)	Listeners' and viewers' licences	Postal, telegraph, telephone and other
							\$'000	\$'000
1963-64	9,989	4,136	14,125	174,121	115,272	(e)	1,843	19,997
1964-65	9,305	4,083	13,388	144,773	93,071	30,670	2,124	23,062
1965-66	10,261	4,601	14,862	55,116	28,288	113,783	2,285	25,886
1966-67	11,396	5,000	16,396	44,168	29,645	129,403	2,570	28,069
1967-68	12,941	6,701	19,642	45,965	30,241	135,391	2,666	33,154
1967 - Dec.	1,048	477	1,525	49,391	28,245	132,276	165	2,523
1968 - Jan.	702	505	1,207	48,564	30,589	132,416	157	2,919
Feb.	1,039	515	1,554	49,559	33,936	134,370	239	2,880
March	1,059	345	1,404	48,922	30,615	134,836	208	2,679
April	976	478	1,454	48,809	31,055	135,979	192	2,831
May	1,497	700	2,197	48,318	28,204	137,610	292	3,516
June	1,078	662	1,740	45,965	30,241	135,391	258	3,392
July	1,214	511	1,725	46,937	35,880	138,222	300	3,532
Aug.	1,237	684	1,921	46,328	31,727	140,159	298	3,030
Sept.	955	418	1,373	45,984	32,789	140,480	227	2,896
Oct.	1,021	649	1,670	45,230	31,358	139,992	232	3,456
Nov.	1,091	451	1,542	(f)	(f)	(f)	266	3,404
Dec.	1,142	536	1,678	(f)	(f)	(f)	189	3,675

Source: Postmaster-General's Department.

(a) At end of period. (b) Actually collected. (c) Within 10 miles of the General Post Office, Perth. (d) The combined receiving licence came into effect on 1 April 1965. From that date a person having both broadcast and television receivers at the one address has been required to take out a combined receiving licence. (e) Not applicable. (f) Not available at time of publication.